

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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US CL : 514/12, 54, 530/324, 930/20, DIG500

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U S 514/12, 54; 530/324, 930/20, DIG500

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
USPAT, USPGPUB, GENESEQ, UNIPROT, PIR SEQ ID NO. 9 was the query.**C DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
A	WO 95/23861 A1 (GU et al) 08 September 1995 (08.09.1995), see Result 1, sequence search in Geneseq Protein Database, human megakaryocytopoietin protein, 94% sequence identity	1, 19
A	WO 92/13075 A1 (TURNER et al) 06 August 1992 (06.08.1992), see Result 7, sequence search in Geneseq Protein Database, human megakaryocyte stimulating factor, 94% sequence identity	1, 19
A	WO 00/64930 A2 (JAY) 02 November 2000 (02.11.2000), see Result 8, sequence search in Geneseq Protein Database, human megakaryocyte stimulating factor, 94% sequence identity	1, 19

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C**D**

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* Special categories of cited documents	"T"
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 ☐ Claims Nos
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely
- 2 ☒ Claims Nos 20 and 21
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically
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- 3 ☐ Claims Nos
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6 4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

- 1 ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
- 2 ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees
- 3 ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos
- 4 ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos 1 and 19-21 to the extent that they read on SEQ ID NO 9

- Remark on Protest
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee
 - ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation
 - ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

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Continuation of Box II Reason 2

Claims 20-21 could not be searched because they are not supported by the specification. These claims recite a therapeutically effective amount of a protein of claim 19. The specification provides no indication as to how much of the protein of claim 19 is therapeutically effective in any subject.